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United States Mints, working "around the clock" again last year, turned out nearly one-tenth as many coins as have been produced in the past 152 years; while the five year defense-war boom period has accounted for more than one-third of the all-time production total.

The two billion coins turned out last year exceeded the total for the entire first World War period of 1914-18. The five year period, 1939-43, saw a billion and a third more coins produced than were turned out from 1792 to 1913.

Statisticians of the Bureau, doing a little pencil work with an eye to the anniversary, April 2, of the founding of the institution, came up with a prodigious total of 21,582,000,000 pieces of domestic coinage turned out between 1792 and 1944.

Face value of the "hard money" turned out in the 152 years of operation exceeds $6,696,000,000.

Mints have operated 24 hours a day most of the time since 1939, in order to meet the unprecedented demands of national industrial expansion and changing business and economic practices such as vending machine merchandising, odd cents pricing, cash and carry selling, and excise and sales tax levies.

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, said coinage for 1943 totalled 2,023,898,270 pieces, with face value of $136,237,136.70. Coinage of one cent pieces again exceeded the billion mark, and this denomination accounts for about half the total all-time coin production.

In addition to domestic coinage, United States Mints have turned out a billion and three-quarter coins for foreign governments in the 152 years.

COIN PRODUCTION OVER FIVE-YEAR PERIODS

Period	Face value of United States Coins	Number of Pieces of United States Coins
1792 - 1913	$4,364,989,930	6,014,845,791
1914 - 1918	192,624,523	1,647,936,833
1919 - 1923	451,425,980	1,880,284,055
1924 - 1928	890,153,523	1,390,005,172
1929 - 1933	196,338,375	741,320,500
1934 - 1938	154,762,948	2,542,722,999
1939 - 1943	446,177,467	7,365,606,305
	$6,696,472,746	21,582,721,655

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